

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID BERNAHL,  
Plaintiff,

v.

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND LIMITED,  
et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 23-cv-00411-BLF

**SUA SPONTE REFERRAL FOR  
DETERMINATION OF RELATED  
CASE STATUS**

Northern District of California Civil Local Rule 3-12(c) provides: “Whenever a Judge believes that a case pending before that Judge is related to another case, the Judge may refer the case to the Judge assigned to the lowest-numbered case with a request that the Judge assigned to the lowest-numbered case consider whether the cases are related.” In reviewing the papers in connection with the Motion to Dismiss Second Amended Complaint and Motion to Strike (ECF No. 21) filed in this action, it appears to this Court that this action might be related to *In re Application of Oleg Fils*, Case No. 20-mc-80176-EMC. See Second Amended Complaint, ECF No. 14, at, e.g., 6–7, 12–13 (asserting abuse of process claim based in part on issuance of subpoenas in Case No. 20-mc-80176-EMC). Accordingly, pursuant to Civil L.R. 3-12(c), this action is hereby REFERRED to the Honorable Edward M. Chen for a determination of whether it is related to *In re Application of Oleg Fils*, Case No. 20-mc-80176-EMC.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 5, 2023

  
BETH LABSON FREEMAN  
United States District Judge